

PRESENT: Cllr. Anne Roberts (Mayor)
Councillors Stephen Beach, James Bryan, Bob Costain, June Derry, Ken Hawkins, Rosie Hughes-Moseley, Menna Jones, Simeon Jones, Ian Lewney, Robert Owen-Ellis, Geraint Woolford, Heather Williams and Emrys Wynne.
Also County Councillor Bobby Feeley.

219. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elisabeth Culshaw.

220. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared an interest in the items noted:

Councillor Ken Hawkins: Agenda item no. 20 (ii) – Donation to Ruthin and District Twinning Association

Councillor Rosie Hughes-Moseley: Agenda item no. 9 – Donation to Ruthin Festival

Councillor Menna Jones: Agenda item no. 20 (i) and (ii) – Donation to Ruthin and District Civic Association towards Open Doors weekend and Ruthin and District Twinning Association respectively

Councillor Anne Roberts: Agenda item no. 20 (i) – Donation to Ruthin and District Civic Association towards Open Doors weekend

Councillor Heather Williams: Agenda item no. 20 (i) – Donation to Ruthin and District Civic Association towards Open Doors weekend

Councillor Emrys Wynne: Agenda item no. 20 (ii) – Donation to Ruthin and District Twinning Association

221. PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF RUTHIN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Mayor welcomed Ifan Wyn and Robert Price from Ruthin Festival Committee, who gave a short presentation outlining the current situation and proposed future projects. They explained that a number of grant funding streams had ceased and they were working on increasing the sponsorship from businesses. This year's Festival will include 20 events over an eight day period, with the event making a minimum contribution of £100,000 to the local economy. The Committee is interested in using the Assembly Rooms in the Town Hall for a comedy evening in July and further events such as a launch gig and beer festival in the future to ensure community use. Other aims for the future is to purchase equipment rather than hiring it and to improve the relationship with North Wales Police.

RESOLVED: *that the presentation be noted.*

222. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that she had attended the following since the last meeting:

23/03 Cae Ddôl – Ysgol Borthyn – Ruthin Memories project

23/03 Rugby Club – performance of Jack and the Beanstalk by Ruthin Youth Theatre

31/03 St. Peter's Church – Betty Downs' funeral

01/04 Ruthin Rotary – Charter Night – Clwyd Gate

05/04 Site meeting – Clwyd Street – re hand rail

06/04 Meeting Joe and Jake and welcoming them to Ruthin prior to Eurovision

06/04 Ruthin Forward meeting

07/04 Ruthin and District Twinning committee meeting

08/04 Memorial Service for Marjorie Williams – invitation from family

09/04 Ruthin Football Club – sponsors' afternoon

10/04 Afternoon Tea at Llys Erw in aid of Macmillan

12/04 Town Team meeting

14/04 Ysgol Borthyn – Ruthin Memories project with Polly Snape

17/04 Selection of Ruthin Carnival 'Royalty' at Ruthin Castle – Ruthin Forward

18/04 Opening exhibition of Colin Edwards' photographs commemorating the Queen's 90th birthday at St. Peter's Church

- 18/04 Financial Scrutiny committee
 18/04 Good Citizen and Young Person Group
 19/04 Cheese and wine at The Myddelton in aid of Ruthin Town Team
 21/04 Ruthin Memories Project – Ysgol Borthyn
 23/04 Welcomed David Jones MP and Mrs. Sara Jones to Colin Edwards’ exhibition at St. Peter’s Church
 23/04 Meeting with Mayor of Bollington, near Macclesfield, Mrs. Angela Williams, and her consort, Mr. David Lloyd Williams, formerly of Ruthin (at the invitation of a Ruthin resident)

223. MEMBERS’ REPORTS

- Cllr. Stephen Beach Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk by Ruthin Youth Theatre at Ruthin Rugby Club, Rhos Street School Buildings and Finance Governors meeting, Betty Downs’ funeral, Ruthin Memories photographs at Canolfan Awelon, North Wales Police Steering Group meeting in Wrexham, Councillor Jim Bryan’s 70th birthday celebrations, opening of Colin Edwards’ exhibition of photographs commemorating the Queen’s 90th birthday at St. Peter’s Church, cheese and wine at The Myddelton in aid of Ruthin Town Team, North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils meeting in Welshpool and Speech and Language information open day at HWB Dinbych.
- Cllr. James Bryan Canolfan Awelon management committee, Good Citizen Group meeting, cheese and wine at The Myddelton in aid of Ruthin Town Team and Ruthin Festival committee and sub-committee meetings.
- Cllr. June Derry Cheese and wine at The Myddelton in aid of Ruthin Town Team.
- Cllr. Ken Hawkins Changing the hour on St. Peter’s Church clock with Councillor Simeon Jones, Councillor Jim Bryan’s 70th birthday celebrations, resetting the clock to sound the correct number of chimes and cheese and wine at The Myddelton in aid of Ruthin Town Team.
- Cllr. Menna Jones Betty Downs’ funeral, Financial Scrutiny sub-committee meeting, Good Citizen Group meeting and cheese and wine at The Myddelton in aid of Ruthin Town Team.
- Cllr. Simeon Jones Changing the hour on St. Peter’s Church clock with Councillor Hawkins
 Cllr. Ian Lewney Ruthin Memories photographs at Canolfan Awelon, cheese and wine at The Myddelton in aid of Ruthin Town Team and Councillor Jim Bryan’s 70th birthday celebrations.
- Cllr. Robert Owen-Ellis Presentations by Ysgol Brynhyfryd Year 12 Welsh Baccalaureate students on Leisure and Tourism, Food Bank x 4 and meeting with the Head of Ysgol Pen Barras regarding the plans for the new school.
- Cllr. Geraint Woolford Denbighshire County Council Chairman’s Charity Concert in Llangollen Pavilion, site meeting regarding handrail on Clwyd Street, meet and greet Joe & Jake with the Mayor, Macmillan tea and cakes fundraiser at Llys Erw, opening of Colin Edwards’ exhibition of photographs commemorating the Queen’s 90th birthday at St. Peter’s Church, Financial Scrutiny sub-committee meeting, Good Citizen Group meeting and cheese and wine at The Myddelton in aid of Ruthin Town Team.
- Cllr. Emrys Wynne Site meeting regarding handrail on Clwyd Street, cheese and wine at The Myddelton in aid of Ruthin Town Team and North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils meeting in Welshpool.
- Cllr. Heather Williams Cheese and wine at The Myddelton in aid of Ruthin Town Team and Coach Tourism meeting.

224. MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2016 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to amending the minute numbers.

225. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

226. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chair of the meeting presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2016.

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting be received.*

227. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2016.

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of the meeting be received.*

228. REQUEST FOR DONATION

Members considered a request for a financial donation from Ruthin Festival Committee.

RESOLVED: *to approve a financial donation of £1,000 to Ruthin Festival.*

229. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members were asked to consider a request from Cymdeithas Cymuned Llanfwrog Community Association for £5,000 towards estimated costs of £43,000 for essential works to install a lift and stairs.

RESOLVED: *to request that a representative of the Association attend the next ordinary Council meeting to provide further details and clarification to members.*

230. GOOD CITIZEN AND YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2016

The Mayor reported that three nominations had been received for Good Citizen of the Year 2016 and nine for Young Person of the Year, but three had to be disregarded as they lived outside the Ruthin town boundary. The Good Citizen of the Year Award will be presented to Mr Huw Thelwall Davies for his voluntary work with Ruthin Festival, Capel Tabernacl, Ruthin and Goodman Charity and Urdd Gobaith Cymru in the area. The Young Person of the Year award will be presented to Liam Rickard, a Year 8 pupil at Ysgol Brynhyfryd who is a volunteer coach with Ruthin Tri Stars, regularly helps an elderly person with their gardening and also represents Ruthin with the junior football and swimming clubs.

RESOLVED: *to note the details.*

231. REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES

Members considered a request from Ruthin Festival Committee for a Ruthin Town Council representative on their Committee following the resignation of Councillor Simeon Jones.

RESOLVED: *that Councillor Stephen Beach become the new Ruthin Town Council representative on Ruthin Festival Committee.*

232. COACH TOURISM MEETING

Councillor Heather Williams provided a report for the most recent Coach Tourism meeting, attended by representatives from Ruthin, Corwen and Denbigh Town Councils, with two County Councillors and three Denbighshire County Council Officers. A learning journey to see best practice is to be arranged in September/October, with plans to put together new tour packages and attract tourists from the cruise ships docking in Liverpool.

RESOLVED: *to note the report.*

233. CORRESPONDENCE

Members were requested to receive and note correspondence from Denbighshire County Council – Modernising Education Newsletter March 2016 and an invitation to a drop in session to see the proposals for the new school buildings for Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras at Ruthin Livestock Market, letter regarding Tesco Bags of Help scheme, invitation for one member to attend HMP Berwyn Engagement Event at Ruthin Livestock Market and a letter from the Auditor General regarding consultation on a new audit approach.

RESOLVED: *to note the correspondence and for Councillor Geraint Woolford to represent Ruthin Town Council at the HMP Berwyn Engagement Event.*

234. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2016

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016, and thanked the former Clerk for his assistance in preparing the accounts.

RESOLVED: to receive and approve the accounts and that they be signed by the Mayor and Responsible Financial Officer.

235. NORTH WALES CREDIT UNION

Members were asked to consider a letter from North Wales Credit Union requesting transfer of funds to bring Ruthin Town Council's account to below the £75,000 limit.

RESOLVED: to transfer money to the Business Reserve account so that the North Wales Credit Union account is reduced to £75,000.

236. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members were asked to receive and approve the Financial Statement for the period ending 31 March 2016.

RESOLVED: to receive and approve the Financial Statement for the period ending 31 March 2016.

237. REQUEST FOR DONATION

i. Members were asked to consider a request from Ruthin and District Civic Association for £1,500 towards Open Doors weekend in Ruthin on 10-11 September 2016.

RESOLVED: to make a donation of £1,500 towards Open Doors weekend 2016.

ii. Members were asked to consider a request for £500 from Ruthin and District Twinning Association.

RESOLVED: to make a donation of £500 to Ruthin and District Twinning Association.

238. DATA PROTECTION REGISTRATION RENEWAL

Members were asked to consider renewal of the Council's annual registration as data controller under the Data Protection Act at a cost of £35.00.

RESOLVED: to renew Ruthin Town Council's Data Protection Registration.

239. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that payment of the following accounts be authorised.

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| 874 | North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils | Lunch x 2 following NMWALC meeting | £30.00 |
| 875 | Llanfwrog CIC | Hall hire and provision of cheese and wine at website launch event | £345.20 |
| 876 | Sandra Williams | Stamps | £54.00 |
| 877 | Sandra Williams | Norton Antivirus subscription renewal | * £39.99 |
| S.O. | Canda Copying Ltd | Rental and minimum copies | * £129.14 |
| 878 | Canda Copying Ltd | Additional black and white copies | * £10.60 |
| 879 | Canda Copying Ltd | Additional colour copies | * £79.58 |
| 880 | Blachere Illumination | Hire of Christmas lights – third year | * £5,768.75 |
| 881 | Marian Rees | Simultaneous translation | * £108.00 |
| 882 | Inland Revenue | Income tax and National Insurance | £252.63 |
| 883 | Information Commissioner's Office | Data protection registration - renewal | £35.00 |
| 884 | Ruthin and District Civic Association | Financial contribution Ruthin Open Doors 2016 | £1,500.00 |
| 885 | Ruthin Twinning Association | Financial contribution to the organisation | £500.00 |
| 886 | Scottish Power | Electricity supply for festive lighting | £88.70 |

(The items marked with an * above include recoverable V.A.T. of £1,022.69)

240. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: to confirm the dates of the next meeting of the Town Council as Monday, 16 May 2016 – AGM and Monday, 23 May 2016 – ordinary meeting.